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An Act Regarding the Consent of Minors To Receive Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1502, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §8 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

§ 1502. Consent

In addition to the ability to consent to treatment for health services as provided in sections 1823 and 1908 and Title 32, sections 2595, 3292, 3817, 6221 and 7004, a minor may consent to treatment for abuse of alcohol or drugs or for emotional or psychological problems-if the minor:

- 1. Living separately; independent of parental support.** Has been living separately from parents or legal guardians for at least 60 days and is independent of parental support;
- 2. Married.** Is or was legally married;
- 3. Armed Forces.** Is or was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States; or
- 4. Emancipated.** Has been emancipated by the court pursuant to Title 15, section 3506-A.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a minor to have been living separately from parents and independent of parental support, be or have been legally married, be or have been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or have been emancipated by a court in order to be able to consent to treatment for abuse of alcohol or drugs or for emotional or psychological problems.